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1. The Hungarian secret police organization known as the A.V.O. (Állam Védelmi Osztály — "National Defense Units") consists of three branches or sections: political (espionage and counter-espionage), industrial (anti-sabotage), and frontier. The three sections are independent of one another in their operations, and are controlled by AVO Főosztály (General Command) with headquarters in Budapest at Andrássy út. 60 under the command of a Russian official.
2. Branch offices are located as follows:
 - a. Political Section: Miskolc, Pécs, and Szombathely. The sub-offices at Letenye, Nova, Nagykanizsa, and Lenti are controlled by the Szombathely office.
 - b. Industrial Section: Nagykanizsa, which controls sub-offices at Govaszi (sic), Bozakeretiye (sic), and Puszta Szent István.
 - c. Frontier Section: Kerkesszentkötő (sic) and Letenye.
3. The following personnel of the Political Section are identified:

Major József Szele, head of the Szombathely office.

Lt. István Pipas (cover name of József Schered), member of the A.V.O. of Szentgotthard; a former police NCO.

Lt. Arpad Horvat (real name, Istvan Siklosi), member of the Szolvalatban A.V.O.

2nd Lt. László Kovak, member of the A.V.O. of Zalaszentgrót.

Lt. Col. József Balla, head of the Miskolc office.

2nd Lt. Imre Horvat, of the Letenye A.V.O. office.

Lk. László Zentai, of the Zalaegerszeg A.V.O. office.

2nd Lt. József Varga, Zalaegerszeg.

2nd Lt. Bela Gombbaum, Zalaegerszeg.

Lt. Col. Andor Barba, Kaposvár.

2nd Lt. József Nagy, Nagykanizsa.

Lt. Gyula Marosi, Veszprem.

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